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for 1965.

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REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR  
1965.

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
Darlaston.  
James Bridge 2391.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
DARLASTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1965, with which is incorporated that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Owing to Local Government boundary changes scheduled to become effective on the 1st April 1966, when the town becomes almost completely absorbed into the County Borough of Walsall, this report must, of necessity, be the last in its own right.

Generally speaking the health of Darlaston remained satisfactory throughout 1965, the estimated population again falling slightly, although the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) rose a little over the previous year's figure, and the adjusted birth and death rates continued to be a little out of step with those of the country as a whole.

Infectious disease returns were substantially up on those of 1964, being made up almost entirely of notifications of measles.

In concluding this, my third and final Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health, I would again pay tribute to the loyalty and devotion to duty shown by all members of the Health Department, and wish to tender my sincere thanks to the officers of all other Departments for their co-operation at all times, and to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their active interest and support throughout.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,  
H.A.H. Summers.  
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

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Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector .. ... I.Thompson, M.A.P.H.I.  
(Resigned 30.9.65.)  
R.D.Stirling, M.A.P.H.I.  
(Appointed 1.10.65).

District Public Health Inspectors .. ... B.T.Robertson M.A.P.H.I.  
(Resigned 10.10.65)  
R.D.Stirling, M.A.P.H.I.  
M.W.Bunch M.A.P.H.I.  
(Appointed 23.8.65)  
K.M.Stewart, M.A.P.H.I.  
(Appointed 13.9.65).

Housing Visitor ... .. Mrs E.M.Drea.

Senior Clerk .. ... Mrs F.Sharpe.

Junior Clerk .. ... Miss S.James - resigned 3.10.65  
Miss I Smith - appointed 18.10.65.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Area in acres .....	1,535.
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for mid 1965.....	21,410.
Comparability factor for births .....	0.97
Comparability factor for deaths .....	1.43
Number of inhabited houses according to the rate book (as at 1.4.65)	6,499.
Total rateable value (as at 1.4.65) .....	£911,212.
Industrial rateable value (as at 1.4.65) .....	£435,798.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate in respect of year ended 31.3.65 ....	£3,652.12.4d

LIVE BIRTHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Population.	Adjusted Rate/ 1000 Population (x 0.97)	Rate for England & Wales /1000 Resident Population.
Legitimate	148	148	296			
Illegitimate	4	8	12.	14.3	13.8	18.1
Totals:-	152.	156.	308			

Illegitimate Live Births, as percentage of Total Births (by sexes).

Male.	Female.	Total.
3.6	5.1	3.9

STILL BIRTHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live & Still Births.	Rate/1000 Live & Still Births for England & Wales.
Legitimate	4	0	4		
Illegitimate	-	-	-	12.8	15.7
Totals:-	4.	0.	4.		

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	152.	148.	300.
Illegitimate	4	8	12
Totals:-	156.	156.	312.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live Births	Rate/1000 Legitimate Live Births.	Rate/1000 Illegitimate Live Births.
Legitimate	3.	7.	10.			
Illegitimate	-	-	-	32.4	33.7	0.0
Totals:-	3.	7.	10.			
						Rate/1000 Live Births England & Wales.
						19.0

NEONATAL MORTALITY (Deaths under 4 weeks of age)

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live Births	Rate/1000 Live Births England & Wales.
Legitimate	3.	5.	8.		
Illegitimate	-	-	-	25.9	13.0
Totals:-	3.	5.	8.		

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY (Deaths under 1 week of age).

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Live Births.
Legitimate	2.	4.	6.	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	19.4
Totals:-	2.	4.	6.	

PERINATAL MORTALITY (Combined Still Births and Deaths under 1 week of age).

Total.	Rate/1000 Live & Still Births.
6.	19.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of women during or in consequence of Pregnancy, Childbirth, or Abortion.)

Total.	Rate/1000 Live Live & Still Births.	Rate/1000 Live & Still Births England & Wales.
nil.	0.0	0.25.

DEATHS:

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate/1000 Resident Population.	Adjusted Death Rate (by 1.44)	Death Rate England and Wales.
All Causes:-	121.	105.	226.	10.5	15.1	11.5

CAUSES OF DEATH ACCORDING TO  
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN.

DISEASES:	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis Respiratory.	1.	-	1.
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases.	1.	-	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	5.	7.	12.
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	13.	-	13.
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	-	4.	4.
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	-	3.	3.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	10.	17.	27.
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	-	1.	1.
Diabetes.	1.	1.	2.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	13.	13.	26.
Cononary Disease, Angina.	19.	10.	29.
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	3.	4.	7.
Other Heart Disease.	12.	16.	28.
Other Circulatory Disease.	1.	4.	5.
Influenza.	1.	-	1.
Pneumonia.	6.	2.	8.
Bronchitis.	20.	5.	25.
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	7.	1.	2.
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1.	-	1.
Congenital Malformations.	-	1.	1.
Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases.	8.	11.	19.
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1.	-	1.
All Other Accidents.	2.	3.	5.
Suicide.	2.	2.	4.
Total All Causes:-	121.	105.	226.



AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER, 1965.

	A G E.													
	20 - 24.		25 - 34.		35 - 44.		45 - 54.		55 - 64.		65 - 74.		75 & up.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F.
Cancer of Stomach.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.	2.	1.	2.	-	3.
Cancer of Lungs and Bronchus.	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5	-	2	-	1	-
Cancer of Breast.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cancer of Uterus.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cancer of Other Sites .	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	7.

S e c t i o n     R .

I N F E C T I O U S   D I S E A S E .

Diphtheria:

It is very satisfactory to be able to report that the town has been free from diphtheria for thirteen years in succession, but this is no reason for discontinuing protective immunisation of infants against this disease.

Scarlet Fever:

Five cases were reported during the year. The disease was mild and recovery uneventful.

Dysentery:

No cases notified during the year.

Whooping Cough:

Eight cases were reported, three boys, five girls. This disease is still a problem, the after effects of which can be serious, and parents would be well advised to see that the children are protected by immunisation.

Measles:

143 cases were reported during the year, compared with 61 cases in 1964. The disease was generally mild.

Pneumonia:

No cases were reported during the year.

Tuberculosis:

Ten cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were reported during the year, a slight decrease on last year's figures.

Febrile Pyrexia:

No cases notified during the year.

Anterior Poliomyelitis:

No cases notified during the year.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Year.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.				Total.	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
	A g e s.					
	Under 24.	25 to 54.	55 & over.			
1945.	11.	6.	2.		19.	2.
1946.	9.	4.	2.		15.	1.
1947.	6.	2.	4.		12.	3.
1948.	10.	6.	7.		23.	2.
1949.	5.	7.	4.		16.	-
1950.	-	4.	4.		8.	-
1951.	1.	5.	1.		7.	4.
1952.	2.	1.	-		3.	1.
1953.	-	5.	1.		6.	-
1954.	1.	2.	5.		8.	3.
1955.	1.	1.	2.		4.	-
1956.	-	1.	4.		5.	-
1957.	-	2.	4.		6.	-
1958.	-	1.	2.		3.	-
1959.	-	2.	1.		3.	-
1960.	-	1.	2.		3.	-
1961.	-	1.	-		1.	-
1962.	-	1.	-		1.	-
1963.	-	-	1.		1.	-
1964.	-	-	1.		1.	-
1965.	-	-	1.		1.	-

NUMBER OF CASES OF COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
NOTIFIED SINCE 1945.

Year:	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Pneumonia.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
1945.	21	34	127	52	18	30	3.
1946.	17	21	7	18	12	28	2.
1947.	17	55	311	51	16	30	3.
1948	6	53	169	29	10	36	2.
1949	2	39	133	25	10	23	-
1950.	-	14	78	44	13	18	2
1951.	2	15	174	74	9	30	3.
1952.	-	33	145	41	16	28	3.
1953	1	28	342	89	27	36	1.
1954	-	23	9	138.	15	25	3.
1955	-	13	355	30	10	20	-
1956.	-	4	3	15	14	21	-
1957.	-	1	406	124	4	18	3.
1958.	-	12	24	5	3	28	2.
1959.	-	6	271.	20	12	16	-
1960.	-	14	11	13	1	16	-
1961.	-	6	481	3	6	14	2.
1962.	-	9	8	14	2	18	4.
1963.	-	13.	200	42	3	8	2.
1964.	-	6	61	31	1	13	1
1965.	-	5	143.	8	-	10.	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

Disease:	No. of cases Suspected:	Confirmed:	Removed to Hospital:
Scarlet Fever.	5.	5.	-
Whooping Cough.	8.	8.	-
Anterior Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Measles.	143.	143.	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever.	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	2.	-
Encephalitis.	-	-	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Age Groups:	Scarlet Fever:		Whooping Cough:		Measles:		Pneumonia:	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F.
Under 1.	-	-	1	2	3	4	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	1	16	13	-	-
3 - 4	1	-	-	1	20	14	-	-
5 - 9	2	2	2	1	35	31	-	-
10 - 24	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
25 - over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown.	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
TOTALS:-	3	2	3	5	78	65	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED AND DEATH OCCURRING DURING 1965.

A g e.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Notified by Death.		Deaths.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
0 - 4 Years.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14 years.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54 years	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64 years	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 years and over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total all ages:	9	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

## SECTION C.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR:

#### Public Health Laboratory Service:

The Public Health Laboratory, Martin Street, Stafford, deals with any bacteriological or bio-chemical investigation of disease found to be necessary.

#### Infectious Disease Hospitals:

Admission to these hospitals is arranged through the Public Health Department or in emergency, on application by the General Practitioner direct to the hospital.

#### Veneral Disease:

Treatment can be obtained either at the Manor Hospital, Walsall, or the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton.

#### General Hospitals:

Admission is arranged by the General Practitioner direct to the hospital.

#### Maternity Hospital:

The patient's doctor arranges admission as necessary on medical grounds. If admission on any other grounds is thought desirable, application should be made to the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston, or the Bentley Ante-Natal Clinic, Churchill Road, Bentley.

#### Care of Mothers and Young Children:

##### Infant Welfare Clinics.

These are held at the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston, on Monday and Thursday afternoons each week, and also at the Clinic, Churchill Road, Bentley on Friday afternoons.

##### Ante-Natal Clinics:

A weekly session is held at the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston, on Wednesday mornings, and at the Clinic, Churchill Road, Bentley, on afternoons of the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

#### Health Visitors:

The Health Visitors working in this district can usually be contacted at the Bilston Street Clinic, Darlaston (James Bridge 2923) during the day, and they also attend the above clinics.

#### Domestic Help:

The service for this district is administered by the Area Medical Officer, 20 Hydes Road, Wednesbury - Telephone No: Wednesbury 0961/2. The service is provided where necessary in cases of sickness, childbirth, infirmity, or other household emergencies.

#### District Nurses:

There are three district nurses practicing in the district. When their services are required the family doctor will normally make the arrangement.

Midwifery:

There are three domiciliary mid-wives employed by the Staffordshire County Council practising in this district. Below is a list of their names and addresses:-

Miss D Butler,  
Flat 2 Nurses Home,  
Station Street,  
Darlaston.

Telephone No: James Bridge 2040.

Miss Fullard,  
8 Grange Court, Western Avenue,  
Bentley, Walsall.  
Telephone:- Willenhall 65487.

Mrs E.M. Harris,  
38 Victory Avenue,  
Darlaston.  
Telephone No: James Bridge 2603.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION:

- (a) Vaccination against smallpox is carried out by the General Practitioner, and at the Infant Welfare Clinics by appointment.
- (b) Immunisation against Diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus, is performed at the Infant Welfare Clinics each week, mostly on children between the ages of 9 and 12 months.
- (c) Immunisation against Poliomyelitis:  
All polio vaccine is available as required from the General Practitioner, and from the Infant Welfare Clinic. No appointment needed.

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S E C T I O N     D.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year no action was taken under Section 47 of the above Act.

S E C T I O N     E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS:

Food Poisoning:

No cases were reported to me during this period.

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# SECTION F.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

### Water Supply:

The main part of Darlaston's water supply comes from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and the remainder is supplied by the Wolverhampton Water Undertaking. Regular samples were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory in quality and quantity.

I am indebted to R.H. Taylor Esq., B.Sc., M.I.C.E., Engineer in Chief, South Staffordshire Waterworks Company for the following report:-

1. The water supply to the Urban District of Darlaston has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity. The supply is obtained from groups of pumping stations in the neighbourhood of Cannock and Lichfield, and from surface sources outside the Urban District.
2. Water from all sources is examined regularly both chemically and bacteriologically, and where treatment is practised, both before and after treatment.
3. During 1965, 106 samples taken from two of the pumping stations, from which a large proportion of the water normally supplied is obtained, were free from all types of coliform bacteria.
4. Regular samples are examined from the Waterman's house in Slater Street, Darlaston, where 13 out of 15 samples were found to be free from coliform bacteria. The samples were also examined chemically, the average results for 1965 being:-

pH	7.3			
Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	115.	parts	per	million.
Chlorides (Cl)	55.1	"	"	"
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (N)	.014	"	"	"
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.066	"	"	"
Oxidised Nitrogen (N)	3.2	"	"	"
Oxygen absorbed (3 hr at 27°C)	.73	"	"	"
Temporary Hardness.	110.	"	"	"
Permanent Hardness.	96.	"	"	"
Total Hardness.	206.	"	"	"
Iron (Fe)	.08	"	"	"
Manganese (Mn)	.01	"	"	"
Poisonous Metals (Cu & Pb)	Nil	"	"	"
Fluoride (F)	.18	"	"	"
Free Cl	Nil	"	"	"

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvency, all 15 samples from the Waterman's house being free from any measurable quantity of lead.

Chlorination is practised at most of the pumping stations, largely as a precautionary measure. Emergency chlorination is performed in cases of emergency such as burst mains, etc., special staff and equipment are available for this purpose. New mains etc., are not brought into use until the water has been examined and proved satisfactory.

SEWAGE WORKS:

I am grateful to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information:-

"The capacity of the Darlaston Sewage Works is for a population of 21,000, producing 25 gallons of sewerage per capita per day, which is a total dry weather flow of 525,000 gallons per day. Up to 3.14 times this average rate of flow receives the full settlement and filter treatment, and this covers peak sewage flows and light rainfall. A further 0.66 times this (D.W.F) can be accepted for full treatment before the operation of a weir discharging the surplus to storm tanks which have a total capacity of 160,200 gallons.

During 1965 a recirculation pump and rising main were completed for the return of supernatant liquor from the sludge drying beds to the main inlet.

In conjunction with Walsall County Borough Council, the trade effluent survey has been completed and significant measures of control effected.

PUBLIC BATHS:

The building is of modern design and construction, by virtue of which it compares favourably with any in the Midlands.

Full provision is made for filtering, heating, and sterilising the 133,000 gallons of water contained in the swimming pool. The source of the water is the South Staffordshire Waterworks, and there is a four hour turnover of the full pool. Sterilisation is by break point chlorination, and in addition to chemical and bacteriological analysis carried out at the County and Public Health Laboratory, Stafford, there are frequent checks on the chlorination each day.

Slipper and shower baths are available, and afford a useful service, being regularly used by people whose accommodation lacks these facilities.

Bacteriological examination showed no coliform bacilli per 100 ml.

Chemical analyses were equally satisfactory.

Water sampling is carried out by this department at intervals during the year.

H O U S I N G   A C T S ,   1 9 3 6   a n d   1 9 5 7 .

(1) ACTION IN RESPECT OF INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES:

(a) Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made:-

	No. of houses.
Canal House, James Bridge .....	1.
The Poplars, Bentley Mill Lane .....	1.
9 Moxley Road .....	1.
Total:-	<u>3.</u>

(b) Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made:-

	No. of houses.
. Station Street 55 .....	1.
Total:-	<u>1.</u>

(2) CLEARANCE AREA ACTION:

(a) The following Clearance Areas were declared by the Council:

No: 95 - Bull Street, 6, 7, & 8 .....	3.
No: 96 - Park Road, 1,2,3, & 5 .....	4.
No: 97 - Park Road/Forge Road: Park Road 7,8,9,10 & 11, and Forge Road 6,7,8,9,10 & 11 .....	11.
No: 98 - Factory Street 1,2, & 3 .....	3.
No: 99 - Pinfold Street 34, 35 & 36 .....	3.
No: 100 - Walsall Road, 299,301,303,305,307,309, 311,313,315,317,319,321,323,325,327,329, 331,333,335,337,339,341,343,345 and 347 ..	25.
No: 101 - Station Street, 63,64,65,68,69,70,73, 74,76,77 and 78 .....	11.
No: 102 - High Street, Moxley, 66,68,70,72,74 and 76..	6.
No: 103 - Cope Street, 29,31,33,35,37 and 39 ...	6.
No: 104 - Wolverhampton Street 120,122 and 124 ..	3.
No: 105 - Gladstone Street 3,5,7,9,11,13 and 15 .	7.
No: 106 - Moxley Road, 21 and 23 .....	2.
No: 107 - Bush Street 34,35,36,41,42 and 43 .....	6.
Total:-	<u>90.</u>

(b) CLEARANCE ORDERS CONFIRMED:

No: of Houses.

The Darlaston (Blockall) Clearance Order 1965.	7.
The Darlaston (Dangerfield Lane) Clearance Order 1965.	2.
The Darlaston (Forge Road) Clearance Order 1965.	6.
The Darlaston (Pinfold Street) Clearance Order 1965.	3.
Total:	<u>18.</u>

(c) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS CONFIRMED:

No: of houses.

The Darlaston (Walsall St/Foster St) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1965.	53.
The Darlaston (Cope Street) Compulsory Purchase Order 1965.	6.
The Darlaston (Bull St) Compulsory Purchase Order 1965.	7.
The Darlaston (Bell St) Compulsory Purchase Order 1965.	2.
The Darlaston (Bell St) Compulsory Purchase Order 1965.	4.
The Darlaston (Albert St/Tilley St) Compulsory Purchase Order 1965.	60.
The Darlaston (Bull St) Compulsory Purchase Order 1965.	4.
Total:-	<u>136.</u>

3. HOUSES WHICH BECAME VOID:

No: of houses.

(a) Formal Action:

Individual unfit houses. Demolition Orders.	6.
Individual unfit houses. Closing Orders.	2.
Clearance Areas.	132.

4. DEMOLITION:

No: of houses.

(1) Houses demolished. (Demolition Orders)	11.
(2) Houses demolished. (Clearance Areas)	115.
(3) Houses closed. (Closing Orders)	2.
(4) Houses closed. (Undertakings under Section 16).	-

H O U S I N G   S T A T I S T I C S .

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses During the Year.

(1) (a) Houses inspected for housing defects (Public Health Acts or Housing Acts) .....	165.
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	493.
(2) Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit .....	94.
(3) Houses (Exclusive of those in (2) above) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation ...	71.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE:

Defective houses, rendered fit in consequence of Informal action by the Local Authority .....	31.
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:

(a) Proceedings under Section 9 & 10 of the Housing Acts 1936 and 1957	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	nil.
(II) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owner .....	nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	nil.
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	71.
(II) Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners .....	37.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	nil.
(III) Houses in which defects were remedied after legal proceedings .....	nil.

# HOUSE BUILDING.

The following housing accommodation was erected by the Council:-

Address:	One Bedroom:	Two Bedrooms:	Three Bedrooms:
Almond Avenue.	-	15.	10.
Churchill Road.	1.	6.	-
Ewart Road.	-	4.	4.
Great Croft House.	30.	26.	-
John Wootton House.	30.	28.	-
Wolverhampton Street.	-	18.	-
Totals:-	61.	97.	14.

# HOUSING VISITOR.

(For Council owned property.)

While the majority of Council houses were found to be satisfactory, there has been a hard core of sub-standard families where it has proved difficult, and, in some instances almost impossible, to establish permanent improvements. This lack of permanent improvement can be disheartening, but it is only by frequent visits that some immediate or temporary improvement can be brought about. The threat of court proceedings seems to have little effect, and the mental attitude of some of these families must be taken into consideration because in several instances some of the adult members could be considered below average intelligence.

Regular visits have been made to old age persons, and in some instances the co-operation of other organisations has been sought to ensure these tenants have reasonable standards in the home.

Total number of visits to Council Houses .....	4,440.
Number of visits to sub-standard Council Houses .....	574.
Number of visits to old age pensioners living alone .....	476.

I M P R O V E M E N T   G R A N T S .

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACTS, 1958 - 1959.

Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council in respect of the following six houses:-

Booth Street 14 and 15 .....	2.
Castle Street 16 and 24 .....	2.
Dorsett Road 87 .....	1.
Waverley Road, 34 .....	1.

Standard Grants were approved by the Council in respect of the following six houses:-

Little Cross Street 5 .....	1.
King Edward Street 57 .....	1.
Salisbury Street 13,14,15,17 .....	4.

Work was completed at the following 11 houses:-

Booth Street 14 and 15 .....	2.
Castle Street 16 and 24 .....	2.
Charles Foster Street 17 .....	1.
Dorsett Road 87 .....	1.
King Edward Street 57 .....	1.
Richards Street 35 .....	1.
Sandwell Avenue 10 .....	1.
The Green, 2 Victoria Place .....	1.
Walsall Road, 135 .....	1.

RENT   ACT,   1957.

There were no applications for certificates of disrepair, or for cancellation of certificates.

P U B L I C   H E A L T H   A C T ,   1 9 3 6 .

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES:

Items in respect of which informal notices were served .....	951.
Items in respect of which abatement notices were served .....	20.
Items which were complied with (including drain stoppages) ....	927.

#### MORTUARY:

The mortuary is situated at the rear of the Town Hall, and contains a three body chilled cabinet, and facilities for post mortem examinations.

During the year 25 bodies were received into the mortuary, and a post mortem examination was carried out in each case.

#### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS:

There is no ground within the Urban District suitable for parking caravans and, as in the past, there has been prompt joint action by this Department and the Police to prevent the settling of moveable dwellings on the outskirts of the district.

Four parties of caravans were moved on.

Land near the centre of the town is used as winter quarters for members of the Showmans Guild. There is close co-operation between the owners of the site, the members of the Guild, and the Health Department; and the small number of complaints received are promptly dealt with.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION:

Visits to infectious disease cases .....	18.
Premises disinfected after infectious disease .....	1.
Terminal disinfection following deaths from Tuberculosis .....	nil.
Premises disinfected in connection with verminous conditions (e.g. fleas and bugs) .....	5.
Premises disinfested (e.g. ants, cockroaches etc).....	44.
Destruction of bedding .....	128.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS, and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963:

The number of premises registered under these regulations :-

Offices .....	21.
Retail Shops .....	144.
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses .....	6.
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens etc .....	26.
Total at end of year:-	<u>197.</u>

Inspections of premises under the Act were commenced early in the year, but due to inspectors leaving, and extreme difficulty in replacing them, it has been impossible to maintain a regular flow of inspections throughout the district.

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises:- 89.



MEAT AND FOODS.

Number of slaughterhouses licensed ..... 2.  
Number of slaughtermen licensed ..... 10.

UNFIT FOOD.

Unfit food other than meat inspected at the slaughterhouse lbs. ozs.  
82. 4.

This food mainly comprises the larger tins of cooked meats, and is surrendered voluntarily against a certificate of unfitness.

DISPOSAL OF UNFIT FOOD:

Tinned goods which are not suitable for disposal by burning are transported to the Town Hall yard where a workman smashes the tins to render the contents unusable. The resultant articles are then conveyed to the Council's controlled tip where they are deposited at the base of the working face and the days refuse deposited on top and consolidated to ensure there is no nuisance from fly breeding or smells and no opportunity given for rats to feed on this food.

Items suitable for burning are destroyed in the Council's incinerator. The bulk of the unfit meat from the slaughterhouse is stained with special green dye before removal to a licensed processing factory in an adjoining authority. Every precaution is taken to regulate the handling of unfit food to ensure that it is not diverted from the proper channels. There exists a very high degree of co-operation between the traders in the town and the staff of the Health Department, which ensures adequate disposal of any unfit food.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED FOR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Carcases and offal inspected, and found unfit in whole or in part.

	Cattle (excluding Cows).	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Goats.
Number Killed	1,379.	58.	770.	27,105.	10,485.	16.
Number inspected.	1,379.	58.	770.	27,105.	10,485.	16.
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI.						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	5	63.	4	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	250.	-	-	6,020.	1,082	-
TUBERCULOSIS:						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	279.	-
CYSTICERCUS BOVIS.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	13.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	13	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

The weight of meat found unfit in connection with the above table was 52,772 lbs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

(i) Number of Food Premises in the Area:

	No. of Premises.	No. of visits.
Civic Restaurant ... ..	1.	12.
Restaurants ... ..	5.	21.
Bakehouses ... ..	1.	12.
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	13.	27.
Butchers ... ..	24.	82.
Bacon Factories ... ..	1.	56.
Grocers ... ..	92.	182.
Green Grocers . ... ..	14.	42.
Wet Fish Shops . ... ..	4.	12.
Slaughterhouses ... ..	2.	730.
Licensed Premises .. ...	54.	32.
Factory Canteens ... ..	16.	8.

(ii) NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16,  
of the FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

	No. of Premises.	No. of Visits.
Ice Cream Retailers .....	69.	32.
Manufacturers of Preserved Foods .....	3.	56.

(III) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955.

The following informal notices were served under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955:

	Served.	Complied with.
Butchers .....	4.	-
Greengrocers .....	2.	1.
Grocers .....	1.	1.
Restaurants .....	1.	-

Regulations:

Insanitary Premises .....	1.	-
Equipment dirty or unsuitable .....	3.	2.
Food not adequately protected .....	1.	-
<u>W.C.</u>		
Dirty .....	1.	-
Wrongly positioned allowing odour .....	2.	-
Unsatisfactory ventilation and lighting..	-	1.
Absence of wash hand basin .....	3.	1.
Unsatisfactory or no hot water .....	2.	1.
Absence of soap, towel, and nailbrush .	2.	-
Absence of clothes locker .....	1.	-

<u>Regulations (Continued).</u>	Served:	Complied with.
Absence of hot water .....	1.	-
Inadequate lighting .....	1.	-
<u>Food Room:</u>		
Dirty .....	1.	-
In need of repair .....	3.	-
Not vermin proof .....	2.	-
Accumulation .....	2.	-

Bye Laws:

Failure to protect food from risk of contamination	1.	-
Refuse in room not removed daily.....	1.	-
Absorbant surfaces .....	1.	-
Failure to protect from contamination, vermin, flies etc .....	1.	-

Offences:

Legal proceedings were instituted in one case, under Food Hygiene Regulations:-  
Chickenbacks - unfit for human consumption - fine of £10.

M I L K      S U P P L Y .

The whole of the milk supply in the district is designated, approximately 75% of the milk being sterilised.

S A M P L I N G .

Dr. Ramage, County Medical Officer of Health, has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, and details of samples of milk taken to ascertain cleanliness and efficient pasteurisation.

List of samples taken during the year 1965:

MILK:

Pasteurised .....	6.	
C.I.Pasteurised .....	2.	
Sterilised .....	3.	
Total:-	11.	All genuine.

GENERAL FOODS:

Number of samples taken .....	13.
Number of samples genuine .....	12.
Number of samples adulterated .....	1.

CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL FOODS:

Orange and Passion Fruit, Pasteurised Malt Vinegar, Drinking Chocolate, Plum Peeled Tomatoes, Tomato Juice, Irish Stewed Steak, American Instant Coffee, Corn Oil, Cream Crackers, Pork Luncheon Meat, Corned Beef, Lamb Tongues, Pork Sausages with Preservative.

PARTICULARS OF ADULTERATED SAMPLE.

99c/Q Pork Sausages with Preservatives.

Contained:- Meat. 72.%

Sulphite Preservative 510 parts per million by weight of Sulphur Dioxide.

Cautioned.

P E T R O L E U M   A C T S .

Number of Licences issued to store Petrol or Petroleum Spirit .....	39.
Number of gallons of Petroleum or Petroleum Spirit stored .....	89,897 gallons.
Number of Licences issued to store Carbide of Calcium .....	3.
Amount of Carbide of Calcium stored .....	104 tons.
Income from Licences .....	£39:0s:0d

R O D E N T   C O N T R O L .

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following treatments have been undertaken during the year:-

Business premises (factories, shops etc.) .....	129.
Private dwelling houses .....	194.
Estimated Kill (rats) .....	699.
Estimated Kill (mice) .....	50.

CINEMA (Converted to Bingo Hall).

Annual inspection for licensing purposes was carried out at the local cinema. Further inspections were carried out in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Officer.

S M O K E   C O N T R O L .

The Darlaston No: 1 (Catherines Cross Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order came into operation on 1st July 1965. The Order comprises an area of land containing 52 acres or thereabouts, being part of Catherines Cross Ward, and containing some 500 dwellings.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION  
CONCENTRATION OF SMOKE.

SMOKE FILTER.

Microgrammes per cubic metre.

	<u>Town Hall.</u>			<u>Bentley.</u>		
	<u>Average.</u>	<u>Highest.</u>	<u>Lowest.</u>	<u>Average.</u>	<u>Highest.</u>	<u>Lowest.</u>
January.	70.5	80.0	66.5	55.8	65.0	46.0
February.	71.3	79.5	65.5	53.2	68.0	44.0
March.	69.8	79.0	66.0	49.0	69.5	46.0
April.	70.9	79.1	69.5	54.0	66.5	45.5
May.	66.8	83.1	56.9	55.0	58.0	52.0
June.	67.7	79.7	60.2	53.5	67.0	46.0
July.	44.1	120.	24.0	26.2	40.0	20.0
August.	66.4	290.5	59.5	59.4	68.0	42.0
September.	62.9	199.5	55.5	52.2	203.5	47.3
October.	72.8	128.2	64.3	56.4	142.0	47.0
November.	79.3	86.4	65.6	50.2	54.0	44.0
December.	77.0	87.8	70.0	50.4	53.5	45.3

Estimation of Sulphur.  
Lead Peroxide.

DEPOSITED MATTER PER MONTH.

	<u>Mg.SO<sub>3</sub>/day per 100</u> <u>sq.cms.PbO<sub>2</sub>.</u>	<u>Ins.</u> <u>Rain.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>Undissolved</u> <u>Matter.</u> <u>tons.sq.mile.</u>	<u>Dissolved</u> <u>Matter.</u> <u>tons.sq.mile.</u>	<u>Solids.</u> <u>Tons</u> <u>sq.mile.</u>
	<u>Sewage Works.</u>		<u>Sewage Works.</u>		
January.	4.10	2.17	6.70	10.07	16.77
February.	2.52	0.35	4.14	3.70	7.84
March.	2.94	2.13	11.41	5.47	16.88
April.	1.81	1.81	13.98	8.41	22.39
May.	1.34	1.62	12.00	6.60	18.60
June.	1.46	2.01	12.84	6.77	19.61
July.	1.07	3.19	13.04	6.20	19.24
August.	1.07	1.66	16.60	4.30	20.80
September.	1.78	4.38	8.80	11.00	19.80
October.	1.89	0.47	12.00	5.44	17.44
November.	2.69	2.73	8.67	12.20	20.87
December.	3.29	4.65	13.40	8.17	21.57



